

Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

February 16, 2005

UC326-327 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2005
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Senate Appointments
 - b. Swearing-in of Senators - Dean Couture
 - c. Fees - Student Affairs Vice President Branch
 - d. Charter Day
 - e. Other

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments/Removals
- b. KBGA - Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Special Allocation - \$12,174.75

Travel Special Allocation - \$12,382.79

STIP - \$107,890.24

Zero-Base Carryover - \$59,483.24

- a. SB38-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy, Section 9.0 Student Appropriations (4-0)
- b. SB39-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.0 (4-0)
- c. STIP Request - Wildlife Society \$100/\$100 (5-0)
- d. Special Allocation - Russian Club \$360/\$240 (5-0)
- e. Spring Travel Special Allocations \$10,210.41 (\$1,960)
- f. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to

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10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2005
UC326-327 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Pavlish called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Price, Pavlish, Morton, Bennett, Bissell, Clairmont (6:57), Haddouch, Healow, Helling, Hogue, Johnson, Padgham, Pappas, Peters, Pettit, Pipinich, Prosperi, Snodgrass, Venetz, Welsh and Ziegler.

The meeting minutes for February 9, 2005, were amended on a motion by **Peters-Bennett** to change Snodgrass' unexcused absence to excused. The minutes for February 2, 2005, were amended to change Snodgrass' unexcused absence to excused and then approved on a motion by **Helling-Peters**.

Public Comment

- *The president and secretary from the Mt. Sentinel Women's Golf Association expressed their concern over the proposed development in the University Golf Course area. They would like to see the course and surrounding area remain the same until it is used for what they considered legitimate University purposes - student housing, academic buildings, etc.
- *Advocates, American Humanities, Circle K and Model UN groups expressed the need for more travel funds if the extra money is allocated.
- *Mary Beth Sampsel, a student-at-large member of UC Board, encouraged ASUM to support the UC fee increase.
- *Sico Yao asked for ASUM support for a credit card presentation he would like to facilitate.
- *Senator Healow (Election Committee chair), expressed the need for Election Committee members. He also asked for Senate input on Bylaw changes regarding elections.
- *Senators were reminded that lobbying is next Tuesday-Friday from approximately 5-10 p.m. Absences may only be excused (or not) by Pavlish.

President's Report

- a. Senate applicants were interviewed for the two vacant positions. The nomination of John Dawson and Derek Duncan for the positions was approved on a motion by **Price-Healow**.
- b. Dean Couture presided over the swearing-in of the two new senators.
- c. Student Affairs Vice President Branch talked about mandatory fee increases, mostly due to salary and utility increases. Directors Dr. David Bell of Curry Health Center, Candy Holt of the University Center and Keith Glaes of Campus Recreation distributed packets with information and resolutions on their fees and provided background support for each. There will be an open forum Monday, February 28, in UC330-331, at which time there will be a power point presentation. Senators and other interested persons were encouraged to attend. The resolutions will be considered at the March 2, 2005, Senate meeting.
- d. Price recognized students from the Dance Club, Woodsmen's Team and Graduate Student Association of Society and Conservation to make comments encouraging Senators to support their special allocation or travel requests, as they arrived late to the Senate meeting and missed public comment.

e. Price invited Senate to participate in Charter Day activities tomorrow, starting with an announcement and free cake in the University Center and continuing at 5 p.m. with a reception for award recipients.

The Chair recognized the presence of Clairmont.

Vice President's Report

a. The following committee appointments/removals passed: Housing - remove Jon Snodgrass and appoint John Dawson (**Price-Helling**); Traffic Appeals - appoint Derek Duncan (**Bennett-Clairmont**); Relations and Affairs - remove John Dawson and Erin Rogge and appoint Derek Duncan (**Price-Helling**); IT - appoint John Dawson (**Price-Helling**); Publications Board - remove John Dawson (**Price-Bennett**); Budget and Finance - appoint Katie Alford (**Bennett-Snodgrass**).

b. Senators Dawson and Duncan will represent ASUM on KGBA tomorrow (Thursday).

Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - \$12,174.75

Travel Special Allocation - \$12,382.79

STIP - \$107,890.24

Zero-Base Carryover - \$59,483.24

(The order of the agenda items was modified.)

a. Spring Travel Special Allocations were recommended for \$10,210.41. The Business Manager offered up the carryover amount of \$1,960 to add to the recommendation. A five-minute recess was taken to discuss the issue. A motion by **Welsh-Ziegler** to recommit the recommendation to be redone with the carryover amount failed after a previous question call by **Venetz**. A motion by **Helling-Bennett** to accept the recommendation and send the \$1,960 back to Budget and Finance for additional recommendations to be then presented to Senate passed after a previous question call by **Welsh** (failed) and **Snodgrass**.

b. SB38-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy, Section 9.0 Student Appropriations (Exhibit A) was amended in committee by inserting "vote" between "simple" and "and" in the third sentence of 9.14.2 B. and in 9.14.2 F. in the last sentence replacing "After" with "During" and replacing "first" with "second." The resolution passed.

c. SB39-04/05 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.0 (Exhibit B) passed after a previous question call by **Bissell**.

d. A Wildlife Society STIP Request for a printer for \$100 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.

e. A Russian Club Special Allocation request for event support for \$360 was recommended for \$240 by Budget and Finance. A motion by **Healow-Snodgrass** to increase the amount to \$360 failed after a previous question call by **Ziegler**. An objection to the consideration of a motion by **Healow-Pappas** to increase the amount to \$300 passed. After a previous question call by **Ziegler**, the recommended amount of \$240 passed.

f. Morton reminded Senators about lobbying next week. There will be no Senate meeting on Wednesday, as lobbying will be in its stead.

Committee Reports

- a. Relations and Affairs (Healow) - They are proceeding with a survey discussed last semester.
- b. UC Board (Helling) - The UC Board approved the language of the UC fee increase resolution.
- c. ASUM Transportation (Pappas) - An advisory board meeting was held, and they talked about parking and the park 'n ride service.
- d. Board on Membership (Pappas) - The following groups were recognized on a motion by **Pappas-Venetz**: Up 'til Dawn, LAN Gamers Club.
- e. SPA (Padgham) - Bills were discussed to determine which ones SPA wanted the ASUM lobbyist to support.
- f. Interview (Bissell) - They met Sunday evening to interview candidates for the two Senate positions. Bissell thanked committee members, Senators and applicants for their participation.
- g. Campus Safety (Morton) - Campus Safety will meet Thursday at 5 p.m.
- h. ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center (Pettit) - The full board will meet Monday, February 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the UC Alumni Board Room.
- i. COT (Bennett) - Committee members are needed so they can resume meetings.
- j. Radio Board (Haddouch) - They will meet on Sunday.
- k. Suggestion Box (Healow) - There were comments on bikes, skateboarders, book buybacks plus kudos for ASUM Legal Services and the Off-Campus Renter Center.

Unfinished Business - None

To see a list of resolutions with the action taken on them noted and the resolutions currently being considered in their entirety, please go to:
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New Business

- a. Resolution on the proposed UC fee increase
- b. Resolution on election Bylaws (3)
- c. Resolution on the proposed Curry Health Center fee increase
- d. Resolution thanking Regent Roehm for his service
- e. Resolution on biweekly pay for students
- f. Resolution on wooden desks
- g. Resolution on the voting procedure for student fees
- h. Resolution on cell phones in the library
- i. Resolution on ASUM input on proposals
- j. Resolution on Senate attendance-based pay
- k. Resolution on the proposed Campus Rec fee increase
- l. Resolution on wireless internet

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The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Carol Hayes

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ASUM Office Manager

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 9.0, Student Appropriations

Whereas, final budgeting has been conducted in a certain fashion in the past without enumerated rules for certain votes required of the Senate,

Whereas, clearly articulating votes required of the Senate lessens confusion over what votes are required for certain actions,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) amend section 9.0 of the ASUM Fiscal Policy to read:

9.14 Final Budgeting. Final Budgeting shall occur by the weekend of the seventh academic week. The Senate may, by a simple majority vote, schedule Final Budgeting for more than one (1) day or on a Saturday. If the former option is chosen, specific categories shall be scheduled for budgeting each day not less than one week prior to the first budgeting meeting.

9.14.1 Beginning Final Budgeting. Final Budgeting shall come under the Business Manager's Report.

A. The order of the categories shall be written prominently at the front of the meeting area.

B. During the Final Budgeting Session, the Vice-President shall preside over the meeting. The Accountant and the Office Manager shall be present to record transactions of the meeting.

C. The total amount in the budgeted Senate Discretionary Account shall be prominently written in plain view of the meeting area. All motions to add or subtract funds from an organization shall be made into or out of this fund. No motion shall be made by the Senate to directly move any funds from one organization's proposed budget to that of another. Two motions must be made: First, to place funds from an organization's budget into the Senate

Discretionary Account, and, second, to remove funds from the Discretionary Account into the proposed budget of an organization.

D. The Sports Organization Union and the Music Union shall be funded as a category, without regard to specific member organizations.

9.14.2 (NOTE: In ITEM 9.14.2 "Executives" excludes the Chair.) Amendments to the Executive Recommendation. Final Budgeting shall not be closed until the first round has been completed.

A. Discussion of categories shall follow the order selected by lottery as mentioned in 9.12.

B. Once a category has been opened, by a simple majority vote of the Senate, in the first round of discussion, every organization in that category will be recognized, in an order established by the Chair, for the proposal of amendments to the Executive Recommendation. The proposal of amendments shall be open to the Senators and Executives. During the first round of budgeting, budget line-items may be decreased by a simple majority and may only be increased by a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.

C. Categorical Funding Percentages will not be adhered to during final budgeting.

D. All subsequent rotations shall follow the same procedure.

E. A category shall remain open for discussion until the end of the first rotation. The motion to end discussion on a category shall be passed by a two-thirds majority vote. Once the first round of discussion on a category has been closed, it shall not be reopened until all other categories have been closed for the first round of discussion.

F. If any funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account after all the categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, a second lottery shall select the order of categories to be reopened for a second round of discussion. During the second round, budgets of organizations can be only increased. ^{During second round} After the first round, budgets of organizations can only be decreased with a four-fifths majority vote of the Senate.

G. Once no funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account and all categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, Final Budgeting shall be concluded by approval of the Executive Recommendation with amendments by a two-thirds majority vote.

9.14.3 Proposed organizational budgets for an upcoming fiscal year shall go into effect when the Executive Recommendation is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate.

Authorized by: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed
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Exhibit B

SB39-04/05

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.0

Whereas, as fiscal policy currently reads, a student group which goes into deficit after final budgeting may use up to \$10,000 of the next fiscal year appropriation towards their group's deficit reduction,

Whereas, this policy does not promote fiscal responsibility on the part of student groups,

Whereas, the \$10,000 ceiling should be reduced to a much more reasonable level that would still provide an effective hedge to possible problems a student group may encounter,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.0 to read:

10.7 Any deficit incurred by any organization during a fiscal year shall automatically be deducted from the next fiscal year's budget allocation up to ~~\$10,000~~ \$100. A deficit exceeding ~~\$10,000~~ \$100 shall be handled by reducing the next fiscal year's allocation by ~~\$10,000~~ \$100 and then allowing the organization to repay the difference during the new fiscal year. Any deficit remaining at the end of the new fiscal year will be deducted in full from the next Senate allocation. It should be noted that "payment in full" could have the effect of actually closing down the entire organization.

Authored by: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed
2/16/05